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HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM WAIT LIST APPLICATIONS TO BE ACCEPTED ONLINE STARTING JANUARY 21

FREDERICK, MD –The Frederick County Housing and Community Development Department announces that the [Housing Choice Voucher Program](#) (Section 8) wait list will be opening on January 21 using a completely online process. Applications will be accepted from January 21 at Noon through January 27 at 1:00 p.m. This is the first time the wait list has been open since 2006. Applications must be submitted online and the process can be done from any Internet-connected device. As a result of the online process, applicants do not have to wait in lines, visit an office or be restricted to a first-come-first-served basis for a position.

Preliminary applications must be submitted online at www.waitlistcheck.com/MD1275. Applications will be accepted 24 hours a day during the open period, beginning on January 21. All applicants will have an equal opportunity for placement on the waiting list. After the period ends, submitted applications will be electronically randomly sorted to assign position numbers.

Those with special needs or without access to the Internet may take advantage of a limited number of computers that will be available at the Frederick County Workforce Services/Department of Housing offices, located at Suite A, 5340 Spectrum Drive, Frederick, Md., during the following hours and times:

- Friday, January 23, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
- Monday, January 26, Noon - 3:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 27, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

The Housing Choice Voucher Program is a federally funded, locally administered program that provides rental assistance to eligible low-income households, seniors and persons with disabilities to enable them to afford housing in the private rental market. Because housing assistance is provided on behalf of the family or individual, participants are able to find their own housing, which includes single-family homes, townhouses and apartments.

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The program supplies variable rent subsidies to qualified tenants based on their family income. The family pays approximately 30 - 40 percent of its income toward rent and utilities. The monthly subsidy portion of the contract rent due from the housing agency is paid directly to the landlord on behalf of the tenant. Units are inspected and families are recertified annually. Unit owners screen and qualify tenants according to their standard criteria for tenancy.

Details about the wait list opening and application process, including printable information, are available at www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/housing, or by contacting the Department of Housing and Community Development at 301-600-6096.

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